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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Light trading was reported for prompt shipments. Demand was light to moderate with the most interest noted for deferred shipments. Offerings continue to be light. Parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light to moderate, instances good for white meat. Offerings are short to adequate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and thigh meat, balance slow. Demand was slow to moderate. Offerings are short to adequate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 11, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72.5	72.5	72.50	720	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 12, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	71.17	68.92	68.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	69.50	70.40 **	66.50
WESTERN REGION	70.50 **	70.50 **	68.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.25	69.00	67.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	70.50 **	70.50 **	68.00
WESTERN REGION	70.50 **	70.50 **	67.00

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	92-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-119

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of May 15, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	80.98	242,000
16-24 lbs.	79.33	30,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume:	292,000
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 06-May-2006 (Preliminary)

YOUNG TURKEYS				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	BANDED		WT
North East	742	-10	24.00	(A)	744	24.00
South Atlantic	800	-8	26.55	(A)	801	26.55
North Central	1,992	-7	32.89	(A)	1,993	32.89
South Central	710	-9	18.57	(A)	711	18.57
West	200	-36	31.88	(A)	201	31.88
U.S. total	4,444(B)	-10	27.94	6	4,450	27.94
To-date						
2006	77,769(B)			105	77,874	
To-date						
2005	74,475(B)			59	74,534	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 15,000; for the current year to date 435,000; for last year to date 424,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

April	418,037*
May 1 - 6, 2006	99,475*

To date 2006	1,785,514*
To date 2005	1,764,235*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
W/E 06-May-2006					
Head	2,114	2,315	15	6	4,450
Avg Wt	16.51	38.38	25.81	31.19	27.94
Last week	2,308	2,590	34	8	4,940
Same wk yr ago	1,935	2,649	10	0	4,594
Avg Wt	16.31	38.02	25.52	0.00	28.85
To-date/2006	33,152	44,182	435	105	77,874
To-date/2005	28,419	45,632	424	59	74,534

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT.** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 MAY 2006.

The market tone on tom drums, tom 2-joint wings, tom necks and tom full-cut wings was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed barely adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Offerings light to mostly adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady. Demand moderate for the mostly adequate supplies. Trading was slow to moderate with most activity centered on white meat. For domestic: thigh trim with bone 47 cents, fresh breast trim 119, For export: Fresh tom drums 39 cents, fresh thigh meat 73 cents and hand de-fatted gizzards 54 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	115.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	40.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	36.00		36.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	24.00-29.00		28.15	441
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	174.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	192.00-193.00		192.57	83
THIGH MEAT		M	70.00	60
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	72.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT	123.00-126.00		124.44	25
TENDERLOINS		W	165.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	190.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	94.00		94.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00		22.00	64
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00		32.00	216
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	26.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00-72.00		70.08	520

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on fresh tom breast meat ranged from instances barely steady to fully steady, mostly; balance of white meat steady to instances firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were light to instances fully adequate with some still noting offerings of spot loads for prompt shipments, balance short to light. The market tone on tom necks was mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady, tom full-cut wings steady to fully steady, tom 2-joint wings steady to barely steady. Some spot strength was noted on sized tom drums, otherwise steady to barely steady. Demand in a full range, mostly moderate. Offerings of tom drums ranged from light at best on sized product to instances fully adequate, tom necks light to instances fully adequate, tom full-cut wings mostly light at best and held with confidence. Domestic trading was active on tom wings and white meat, balance slow. Export trading was active on tom drums and hen frozen thigh meat, balance slow. For domestic: hen defatted gizzards 43, Grade A non-basted 18-20 lb. breasts 180, fresh wing meat with skin 95, fresh scapula 134.50 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 40, fresh thigh meat 73 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/ M	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/			115.00	400	115.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-40.00		38.84	67	39.85	247
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	39.00-43.00		41.00	80	41.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	37.00		37.00	3	36.07	43
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00-35.00		24.33	152	24.03	392
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00-25.00		24.10	89	23.66	209
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00		40.00	27	37.43	187
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	1	112.00	21
NECKS, TOM	27.00-30.00		27.62	117	27.78	640
NECKS, HEN	28.00		28.00	6	28.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	174.00	40	174.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	190.00-193.00		191.33	240	191.02	563
THIGH MEAT	66.00-68.00		67.00	160	67.82	220
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	72.50	80		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	160	115.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT		R	124.44	25	124.87	105
TENDERLOINS	172.50		172.50	14	165.54	194
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	94.00	20	91.86	70
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	190.00	40	190.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00		23.00	100	22.37	348
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00-38.00		37.37	328	38.94	1,182
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	20		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	32.00	216	32.98	320
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	26.00	52	26.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00-69.00		68.54	224	69.00	1,044

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